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A Note From Pastor Andrew

The snow has fallen and snow days are in full swing. So far two days this week. I found myself somewhat complaining about the canceling of school because “the roads seemed fine,” but as I think this, I hit a slippery spot or I get the car stuck at the end of the driveway, and I’m immediately reminded of the treacherous journey Jesus and his buddies travelled. All of those that followed him on the dangerous roads just to hear him speak, but more than this they travelled these roads to spread the word of God. People like Paul who faced prison persecution and poisonous people at every turn. Sometimes we must ask, what drove them to do such things? Why did they risk their lives to be a disciple of God? Well, I guess these questions provide their own answers. God! Faith! Trust! Belief, that there was, and is, something greater watching over us all and caring for us all. Belief in not the earthly limitations of life but the now promised and given heavenly limitless possibilities. When we think about it, it’s so awe inspiring that I really am at a loss for words. I get all giddy inside and out, in fact I am rejuvenated in the calling God has provided me...but...but I cannot help but wonder, why do we struggle to do the same as our Christian ancestors? Why do we separate our faith from our lives and only find our connection to God as being active maybe when we attend worship, or when we’re suffering, or are in need of prayer, or perhaps someone else is in need of prayer. Which all leads to bigger questions. Why do we fear or dread suffering, ours or another’s? Why do we fear death, another’s or ours? As someone so graciously put it in bible study, “it will all be ok,” but will it? How can we say these words filled with confidence, yet the next moment be filled with doubt? Some may say to be this way is to be human, but what does that mean? How does this solve anything? Then I am reminded of those words from Psalm 139,

¹You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.

²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.

⁵You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

⁷ Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you

Then I am reminded, I realize, much like those who put their life on the line so long ago and even now, God has got this, God is in charge always, forever, no matter what, and there is nothing, NOTHING!!! that will get in God's way of taking care of his children, God's child: you, anyone, everyone, and me. To question otherwise, isn't that a dangerous road. Prayers to you and yours.

Pastor Andrew

Worship and Christian Education Opportunities

River of Hope Worship

The next River of Hope will be Thursday, February 5, 2014;
we have a free meal at 5:45 p.m. with Worship following at 6:30 p.m.
We Worship in the Form of Taizé' - come and check it out!

Sunday Worship Time

CTK worship time is 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

Fellowship time before worship at 8:15 am and following until 10:45am.

Prayer Time

Every Sunday during communion, Judy Weaver will be available for an optional time of prayer and healing in the back of the sanctuary.

Sunday School

Please sign up to teach our awesome kids!! We will have Sunday school during the first part of the worship service. During offering the kids will come into worship for the Children's message and stay for the remainder of the worship or go back into the nursery. We will still have a nursery attendant during worship. Sunday school is for all kids up to 6th grade.

Bible Study

Please join us every Sunday for "Gospel of John" Pastor Andrew leads this bible study every Sunday between services. We will meet at 10:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Grab a cup of coffee and join us! No Bible study on February 8 or 22, Pastor Andrew will be leading Confirmation Class.

Confirmation class

This Sunday, February 8 and Sunday, February 22 at 10:15 am in the Conference room.

Lutheran 101

Every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the Conference Room

Ash Wednesday

February 18, 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King

Ecumenical Lenten Program

We will be viewing portions of "The Bible: The Epic Miniseries"

5:30 pm-Soup and bread supper (Please sign up to bring soup or bread on February 25)

6:00 pm-Begin viewing movie segment

February 25

Christ the King

March 11

First Presbyterian

March 25

Grace Episcopal

Announcements**Hosting The Refuge**

Thank you to all who donated food and time. What a rewarding experience!

CTK Food Pantry

Thank you for the donations we have received. We are still accepting food donations for the

CTK pantry; we are helping more families than ever. Please bring in non-perishable items such as, cereal, oatmeal, canned fruits and vegetables, pasta, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, tuna fish, spaghetti o's, canned ravioli, soups, etc... Thank you. Most of the families we serve have young children. We serve, on average 2-3 families per week.

Holy SCRIP-tures

SCRIP cards are still available to purchase!

Please see Karin Anderson for more information.

Altar Flowers

If you have not paid for altar flowers for 2014 please do so now, remember the cost is \$20 for each week. If you are not sure if you have paid, please see Sue in the office. The new flower chart for 2015 is up in the office.

Pancake Breakfast

We will be having a free pancake breakfast on the first Sunday of every month. Please join us upstairs for pancakes and fellowship at 8:00 a.m.

The next breakfast is Sunday, March 1.

Church Council

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, February 15, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. We meet the third Sunday of every month.

Thrivent

New! Thrivent Member Network

Thrivent Financial proudly presents the Thrivent Member Network. It's was created based on member input, in order to appeal to and engage more people in a way that is meaningful to them as member-owners of Thrivent and in a way that supports the mission of Thrivent to help more people be wise with money, live generously so that more families and communities thrive.

We listened to our members who said the chapter system is too complex and we are responding by reducing the administrative burden placed on so many members. This means chapters in your region will close on June 30, 2015. Beginning on July 1, members will be part of the Thrivent Member Network where a regional board of three to ten members will provide governance, accountability and strategic insight and monitoring of operations and initiatives to help Thrivent leaders achieve its mission in the region. We've transitioned members in other regions from the chapter system to the Thrivent Member Network and the response from members has been overwhelmingly positive.

We've also made it easier for you to make a difference in your community through a new volunteer program called Thrivent Action Teams. All members can volunteer to lead a one-time project team to support a cause they care about through a fundraiser, service activity or educational event. As a member of Thrivent, you will continue to have the opportunity to participate in the Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity, direct Thrivent Choice dollars, and attend financial workshops and other events within the region. To learn more about these programs and all the benefits of membership, visit Thrivent.com. or contact Marsha Schultz at 586-481-9596.

Women of the Blue Water Conference #2

Save the date!! Spring Gathering with Luncheon, Saturday, April 18, 2015, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3790 W. Water St., Port Huron.

Learning and Sharing with our ELCA/Arabic Mission Congregation, Mother of the Savior in Dearborn.

Program: "A life living/ A gift worth giving" by Pastor Rani Abulmaseh (Pastor of Mother of the Savior Lutheran Church) and Pat Ochodnický (member of SEMI Synod Committee for our companion Synod, ELCJ and currently in the Holy Land since November 2014 and going back in April as a companion member to Palestinians in their towns.

Cost is \$10 per person for lunch and program.

CTK Teams

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

Outreach Team

Next meeting is February 12 at 7:30 p.m. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

Marketing and Publicity Team

Next meeting is February 5 at 7:30 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

Fellowship Team

Next meeting is on February 8 at 8:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

Worship Team

The next Worship team meeting is on February 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

CTK Small Groups

Bible Study

Nora Murray will be opening her home for a Women's Bible Study at 1:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 18. If you are interested please call Nora at 810-356-5049.

Sowing Threads of Fellowship

Sowing Threads of Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month in people's homes. The next meeting time is Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Nora Murray.

Women's Group

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us!

The next meeting is February 10. We are having breakfast for dinner!!

Please bring a dish to share.

Schedule of Events

Every Friday - Pastor Andrew's day off

Thursday, February 5

5:45 pm Free Meal

6:30 pm Worship

7:30 pm Marketing and Publicity Team

Sunday, February 8

8:15 am Fellowship
8:30 am Fellowship Team meeting
9:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Confirmation
No Bible study today

Monday, February 9

6:30 pm Lutheran 101

Tuesday, February 10

6:00 pm Women's group

Thursday, February 12

5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship
7:30 pm Outreach Team

Sunday, February 15

8:15 am Fellowship
9:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Bible Study

Monday, February 16

6:30 pm Lutheran 101

Wednesday, February 18

6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, February 19

5:45 pm Free Meal
6:30 pm Worship

Sunday, February 22

8:15 am Fellowship
9:00 am Worship
9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Confirmation
No Bible study today

Remembering in Prayers

For Extra Healing:

Dean

Leon (health, brother of Pat Finchem)

John Kovalick (health, father of John Kovalick)

Scott Finchem (son of Dean and Pat Finchem)

Deb Howes (continued good health sister of Sue Halamka)

Gerald & Alvera Houck (health, parents of Paula Kovalick)

Katelyn Gilliam (health, granddaughter of Doug & Linda Gilliam)

Karen Scurich (cancer, cousin of Jeff Anderson)

Judy Dyer (cancer, aunt of Steve Mitchell)
Brenda June (cancer, co-worker of Robin Mitchell)
John Soloy (health, family of Connie Peterman)
Brett Carr and family (friends of Terri Frankenstein)
John Schietecatte (health, brother-in-law of Dean and Pat Finchem)
Hope Venema (health, mother of Chris Venema)
Karin Anderson (health)
Ed and Marcy Howell (health)
Tim Komisak (health, brother of John Komisak)
Kathy M. (cancer, friend of Janet Kropp and Sue Gregory-Herfert)
Janet Kropp (health)
Barbara Osoba (health, friend of Paula Carpenter)
Lisa Ann Wright (cancer, friend of Kelly Greenwald)
Harold Elliott (health, father of Cathy Davis)
Lowery family (family of Cindy Goerke)
Denise Kovacs (health, friend of Karin Anderson)
Mark Noble and family (cancer and strength, friend of Marty and Sharon Stefani)
Bonnie Kay Jenkins (health, cousin of Sharon Stefani)
Marilyn Mitchell (health, mother of Steve Mitchell)
Ken Nelson (health)
Judy Lara (step-mom of Gloria Lara)
Michael Hartman (health, son-in-law of Bill and Dawn Larsen)
Mike and Linda Hash (health)
Charlie Sanchez (health, father of Terri Forthoffer)
Tracey Anderson (healing, sister of Jeff and Karin Anderson)
Shanea Carver (health)
Bob Bradford (health, friend of Gail Carlson)
Marty and Sharon Stefani (health)
Brady (infant, friend of the Barden family)
Elayna Sandeen (continued good health, 5 year old cousin of Sue Halamka)
Bob Ray (health, friend of Karin Anderson)
Peggy Krummel (cancer, friend of Gail Carlson)
Sarah (niece of Pastor Andrew and Katie Gookin)
Riley Mickle (health)
Gail Carlson (health)
Barb Gottschalk (health, friend of the Halamka family)
Mike Lambourn (health, husband of Debbie Lambourn)
Riley Wiegiersma (grandson of Ken and Terri Frankenstein)
David (nephew of Dean and Pat Finchem)
Linda Lawson (cancer, friend of Jeff Anderson)
Wendolyn Trozzo (health, friend of the Gookin family)
Dana Wilcox (cancer, friend of Sandi Ryan)
Ed and Mandy Brown (health, friend of the Halamka family)
Christine Johnson
Rinna Family (health, friends of Bill and Dawn Larsen)
Nora Murray (recovering from shoulder surgery)
Barbara Christie (health, mother of Kelly Greenwald)
Josh Todd (health)
Judy Weaver (upcoming knee surgery)
Ruth Fullmer (health)
Lynda Davis (cancer and in hospice, mother-in-law of Cathy Davis)
All those without jobs and seeking employment
Those Left Unnamed

Celebration of Life:

Family and friends of Pastor Jim Noble

Military Personnel:

Logan Sitze
Mark Stefani
Jeff Wesley
Adam Stern
Benjamin J. Smith
Michelle Sitze
Blake Mason
Megan Belprez
Mark Gottschalk
Kenny Friedle
Ryan Moss
Jacob Labert
Hunter Snow
Caleb Taylor
Nick Strong
Josh Johnson

Partners in Ministry:

Beautiful Savior, Bloomfield Hills
Calvary, Clarkston
First English, Grosse Pointe Woods
Holy Spirit, Grand Blanc
Zion, Ann Arbor
Abiding Presence, Rochester Hills